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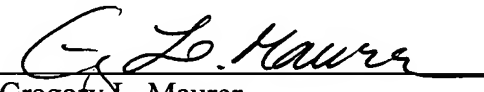
The specification has been amended to update Applicants' claim of priority, and to insert the Abstract, originally included in the first page of the International Application, as the last page of the specification.

Applicants point out that Article 19 amendments were entered and appear in the published application. For whatever reason, the International Preliminary Examination Report ignored the amendments and based examination on old claims 1-12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that examination proceed with respect to the claims (1-33) as amended under Article 19. For the convenience of the Examiner, the pending claims are included in this Amendment.

If any matters remain to be discussed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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